[Translation]

Fake Passports

5998. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of travelling with fake passports detected during the last two years;

(b) the number of persons arrested in this connection and the action taken against them; and

(c) the concrete measures proposed to be taken by the Government to check travelling with fake passports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Markandy Project

5999. SHRI SHIVANAND H. KOUJALGI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for Markandy Project is lying pending for clearance; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be cleared by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) A proposal for site clearance for Markandeya Reservoir Project in Karnataka was received in July 1996. The Project authorities have been requested to submit additional information which is awaited. The project will be considered after receipt of the complete information.

Dues Outstanding against Employees of Super Bazar

6000. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (Hardoi) : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are lakhs of rupees due from the employees of the Super Bazar on account of the shortages outstanding as against their names;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not realising those dues to improve the financial status of the Super Bazar; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to recover the amount outstanding against the employees of Super Bazar?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Super Bazar, Delhi, the total outstanding amount recoverable from the employees of Super Bazar on account of shortage as on 1.4.97 is Rs. 54.18 lakhs. The amount recovered during the year 1996-97 was, however, Rs. 9.97 lakhs.

(c) and (d) The amount of shortage is being recovered by the Super Bazar regularly in monthly instalments from the concerned employees.

Ecological Sustainable Development

6001. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH :
SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI :

Will the Minster of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Inter Governmental Panel on climate change has stated in the current report that the Global Warming could lead to the most severe climate disruptions seen on earth from the last 10,000 years;

(b) if so, whether at the next meeting of the Ad hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate in March, the Government propose to press all industralised countries to cut their emissions of global warming gases by the 20% below 1990 level by the year 2005, as proposed by the alliance of small Island States;

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to reduce or minimise emissions of gases in the country which cause global warming in view of 1992 framework convention on the climate change;

(d) whether the Government also support proposals of the UN for global revenue sources to promote the ecologically sustainable development in the developing countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) The Inter-Govermental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC's) report published in 1995 describes the expected climate change based on model result which assume future scenarios of emissions. The report state that the average rate of warming over the globe would probably exceed that experienced in the last 10,000 years. It further adds that regional temperature changes could substantially differ from global mean. The

scenarios taken into consideration represent only the plausible future status regarding anthropogenic emissions. The models used for predicting climate changes have inherent limitations and acordingly the projected temperature change estimates involve several uncertainties.

(b) The Adhoc Group on Berlin Mandate established under the aegis of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UN-FCCC), is discussing the strengthening of the commitments of the developed countries to reduce the greenhouse gas emission. Various modallities in terms of Policies and Measures required for reducing the global GBG-emissions are under negotiations in the same Group.

(c) In accordance with the provisions of UN-FCCC, developing countries (India included) are not required to adopt a national green house gas reduction target. It is also underlined that India's past and present contributions to global GRG emissions are not significant. Notwithstanding the above, India's approach towards implementation of the UN-FCCC and associated environmental matters is covered within policy declarations, namely, "National Conservation Strategy and Policy Statement on Environment and Development (1992)" and a "Policy statement on Abatement of Pollution (1992)" for regulating various environmental parameters. In addition, various other enactments such as Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; Air Pollution (Prevention and Control) Act, 1981 and Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 contribute significantly towards minimising the causes of Climate Change. Further, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 which contains sufficiently stringent measures to ensure environmental protection, also empowers the Government to further formulate statutory rules for fulfilling various requirements. Also, Environment Impact Assessment has been made statutory for various projects and there also exist the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification (1991) for management of coastal zones.

(d) and (e) The Government of India is concerned at the non-implementation of the commitments by the international community made earlier and reiterated at the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development to assist the developing countries with new and additional financial resources on concessional terms in promoting ecologically sustainable developments. At various environment related UN-fora, India has been proposing new and additonal financial resources and transfer of environmentally sound technologies to the developing countries as per the provisions enshrined in various existing Conventions, Protocol and Agreements.

Selling of Intoxicants to Students

6002. SHRI PARAS RAM BHARDWAJ :
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Alert on candies laced with drugs and Alarm over Cartoon books" appearing in "Hindustan Times", dated February 18, 1997;

(b) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the steps taken to arrest the nefarious manufacturers of candies and publisher of cartoon books; and

(d) the action taken against those culprits ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Employees in FCI

6003. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of total employees working in FCI as on date, category-wise;

(b) whether the amount spent on salary, allowances etc. of employees/officers has been constantly increasing for the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details of amount being spent on each of the items separately during the years 1993-94 and 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The number of employees working in FCI, as on 31.12.1996, is as under :

Category-I	687
Category-II	4054
Category-III	36852
Category-IV	21943
Total	63536

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details of the amount spent during last three years are as under :

Rs. Crores

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Salary Wages & Allowances to staff and Officers of the Corporation	511.86	595.09	788.01
Other Adm. Overhead Expns.	64.17	66.81	75.01
Total	576.03	661.90	863.02